

## Music Newsletter – Spring 2024

### Mozart's The Magic Flute – Lower Key Stage 2 Production

This term, all the children in Year 3 and Year 4 took part in our first ever Lower Key Stage 2 production. We chose a children's arrangement of Mozart's *The Magic Flute*, which was made available by the Royal Opera in London as a fully resourced and completely free version of one of opera's most well-known masterpieces. On Tuesday morning, the children were visited by Jeremy White, a singer at the Royal Opera, who talked to the children about opera, demonstrated how to sing really lowly, and watched the dress rehearsal. He described the event as a "class act", and shared his congratulations with the children: *brava tutti!* as they say at the opera. Special mentions of thanks must go to Miss Costello (stage director), Mr Wicks and Miss Swindell (as Sarastro and the Queen of the Night), Miss Foster (technician), Mrs Brister and Mrs Corsini (costume and prop design) and Mrs Graveling for her fabulous set designs.



### School Choir

The Choir have worked really hard again this term, starting the term by preparing to sing for the Candlemas service at St. Walstan's. A few of them came to St. Walstan's again on the Second Sunday of Lent, and although there were only a few of them, they could be heard loud and clear. Focus then turned to performing at the Norfolk County Music Festival, where they impressed the adjudicator, Vetta Wise. A video of their performance will be available to view on the website in due course.

### Matthew Nicholls Foundation

We are pleased to announce that the school was awarded a grant of just over £1000 to spend on our Music provision. This investment has been used to purchase tuned percussion instruments in order to start a new group for the children in our school, a **Percussion Ensemble**.

We are extremely grateful to the Matthew Nicholls Foundation for this generous donation, and we will endeavour to keep them updated on the progress of our new ensemble.

### West African Drumming Club

This term, eleven children participated in the West African Drumming club, led by Sam from Music Worldwide. They performed to their parents and families on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 2024 and a video of the performance will be available to view on the website in due course.

We were all very impressed with what Sam and the club managed to achieve in a few short weeks!

### Musical Opportunities

#### **Next term:**

Percussion Ensemble (KS2)

Thursday after school

(Free – spaces limited to 15, contact Mr Wright directly to apply: [dwright4urs@nsix.org.uk](mailto:dwright4urs@nsix.org.uk))

Recorder Club (UKS2)

Wednesday Lunchtimes

(Free – led by Mrs Harrowven)